

Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Committee/Board Meeting

Thursday, August 26, 2004

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Joe Griffin, Andy Kallin, Hank Carlson, Jim Jeskewitz, Bill Kramer, Sandy Wolff; **Absent:** Duane Stamsta

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), Dick Wutt, Dr. John Guy, JoAnn Weidmann, Mike O'Brien and Supervisors Duane Paulson, Vera Stroud, Joe Griffin; **Absent:** Duane Stamsta

Also Present: Chief of Staff Lee Esler, County Board Supervisors Mareth Kipp and Kathleen Cummings, Judge Kathryn Foster, Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Coordinator Shelly Cyrulik, Budget Analysts Andy Thelke and Carly Daniels, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Don Maurer, Health & Human Services Clinical Services Manager Mike DeMares, Director of Senior Services Cathy Bellovary, Nutrition Services Supervisor in Senior Services Mary Smith and citizen, Mr. Hessil.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

Approve Minutes of June 29, 2004

MOTION: Jeskewitz made a motion seconded by Kallin to approve the Health and Human Services Committee meeting minutes of June 29, 2004. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comments

County Board Supervisor Kathleen Cummings spoke on the subject of the \$17,500 Health & Human Services Board budget cut to ARCh for recreational activity. As the parent of an Autistic child, she stated that this activity teaches social and life skills and provides respite to families besides providing the clients a social outlet. She is speaking as a parent and not a county board supervisor. Parents started this organization long ago. She feels this Board and Committee should do whatever is possible to put the \$17,500 back into the budget for this purpose. Mr. Hessil, father of a daughter with Downs Syndrome and autistic tendencies stated that the social dances provide the clients with much needed fun. They have nowhere else to go because they don't fit in. His daughter lives in a group home and goes to the training center, but because of her low functionality there is not much for her to do and she really looks forward to these social events. He agrees with Ms. Cummings that the \$17,500 should be put back into the budget.

Update on Nutrition Program

Cathy Bellovary, Director of Senior Services and Mary Smith, Nutrition Services Supervisor in Senior Services gave an update on the nutrition program. They passed out a copy of "Steps to Healthy Aging" and a copy of the Elderly Nutrition Program Home Delivered Meals Eligibility Form. Mary stated that our numbers continue to increase. In 2004, they had budgeted for 1,388 people and through the end of July had 1,531 people registered, exceeding budget by 200 people. For home delivered meals, they had 740 budgeted, but as of the end of July they had already reached 627. The State has eligibility requirements for home delivered meals – that the recipient

be homebound and at nutrition risk. There is a scoring process and for those with a nutrition score of 16, they are eligible to receive a second meal. They had budgeted 68,500 meals for home delivery and through the end of July had already reached 41,000. For the cold meals they had budgeted 10,896, but are estimating that by year-end will be serving 15,000 meals. They are looking at increasing the risk score in order to be able to maintain meals and stay on budget.

They have started delivering frozen meals to certain locations necessitated by the difficulty of getting volunteer drivers. They had lost a number of drivers between March and June because the county developed a more in-depth policy of background checks and no kids can be in the car, which means that grandparents who were watching kids couldn't deliver nor could the families of those kids who are home-schooled because the kids usually accompany their parents. Volunteer drivers are covered by their own insurance with the county as a secondary, but if children are in the car, there could be lawsuits because of the life expectancy of a child as compared to an adult.

In Muskego, they would deliver one hot meal and one frozen meal on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They are still serving the client and getting them five meals a week, but they don't have the face to face to make sure people are OK. The frozen meals are served in cardboard with a heat seal, so they can be heated in the microwave.

Senior Services is looking into expanding the frozen meal program in 2005. For those clients served in Delafield, they will be receiving a frozen meal out of Hartland. Senior Services did receive a tri-county (Washington, Ozaukee, Waukesha) grant to implement physical activity at their meal sites. They were one of the ten of 166 applicants nationwide to receive this grant.

"Steps to Healthy Aging" is a twelve-week program. This is a weekly session of nutrition and activity. They held a registration in Menomonee Falls and were hoping to get 25 applicants, but registered 65. They are hoping to implement this program in Oconomowoc.

Mary Smith trained as a Chronic Disease Self Management trainer through Stanford University. They State of Wisconsin is looking at incorporating this into their senior program.

Senior Services is presently accepting bids from vendors to prepare meals. Cathy Bellovary worked with management of UPS on the "adopt a route program". They will be delivering in their uniforms and in trucks. They are looking for a catchy phrase for the media that day.

Second Harvest of Milwaukee will be donating a box of food once a month to seniors. Originally we were to receive 100 meals per month. They have also been looking at senior apartments. They have four apartment complexes in Waukesha County and have been able to serve 150 people on this program.

When asked about the fiscal impact of the additional meals they are serving, Cathy stated this is something we will have to address in future years. The Delafield site was closed in order to remain within budget and the reason why frozen meals are being served – to cut costs. The suggested donation for a meal at one of the dining sites is \$2.75 and for home delivery it is \$4.00, however the average collected at sites is \$1.94 and for home delivery \$1.81.

BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Clara Daniels, Budget Analyst is here to explain the question that came up during the budget presentations. In the process of doing the 2005 Public Health budget, the board noticed that interdepartmental charges for IS was much higher than in all other divisions. They had asked for an inquiry into this matter. Clara explained that in the past year there had been a separation from the WIC program and other Public Health areas. The net amount of \$7,804 had been doubled and is now corrected. End User technology actually increases only \$6,804 or 7.9%.

Approve Minutes of July 21 and July 22, 2004

MOTION: Wutt made a motion seconded by Stroud to approve the minutes of the July 21 and July 22, 2004 Health and Human Services Board meetings. Motion carried 8-0.

Announcements

JoAnn Weidmann was given a Governor's appointment to the Public Health Council which will oversee the state's public health under Act 120.

Advisory Committee Reports

Dennis announced that the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee talked about the same issues as Kathleen Cummings did earlier in the meeting regarding ARCh funding.

Presentation of the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Budget

Judge Kathryn Foster, Chair of the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council presented the Council's budget. Copies of the budget and its objectives and achievements were handed out to all present. There were a few changes made in the budget change column as numbers had been added or subtracted incorrectly but that was noted immediately. OAR (Operating After Revocation) is the #1 committing offense in pretrial followed by OWI and bail jumping. The Council has decided to spend a small amount of dollars on a program with Wisconsin Community Services to assist in providing OAR clientele with useful information on whether they can or cannot get their license back, what they have to do to get it back and/or get them into court sooner. This program excludes those with drunk driving charges. This program is designed to assist individuals not only get their drivers licenses, but also to provide court reminders and provide information to pay outstanding fines. Our program is focused upfront – pre-conviction (give them enough time to get their licenses, if needed an AODA assessment, etc). The objective is to reduce the number of court appearances and jail days. It's been about 1½ years since legislators changed the law to make first time OAR offenses a criminal offense and took these cases away from the municipal court and shifted the responsibility to the county court. This last year alone has caused an additional 10,000 documents being filed in the Clerk of Courts office.

Two pretrial screeners have set up office in the jail. They interview inmates before they go to court and get the general demographic information as well other useful background information. The court uses this information when making its release decisions. We are finding that this information has been useful to release those who would not have been released and keep those who would have otherwise been released in custody. The screeners are sometimes the first initial

contact to families of the inmates. This service allows for more expeditious initial appearances as well as allowing the CJCC to collect data that will be used to assist in assessing the need for creating and implementing future diversion programming. On a monthly basis, they are probably interviewing 300+ inmates.

There will be a change to the Performance Measures to compare the CTP recidivism rate with the national average. Also on the second page under Activity the CTP Jail Contacts went down from 2003 to 2004 because Shirlee was not able to spend as much time at the jail and the pretrial screeners were not yet on board. This figure is on the rise again and there are many more people than we anticipated who actually ask to see her.

After a careful review and clarification of areas of concern, a motion was made to accept the proposed budget.

MOTION: JoAnn Weidmann made a motion seconded by Richard Wutt to accept the proposed budget. All voted and the motion carried.

COMBINED AGENDA ITEMS

Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Update – Study of Alcohol Treatment Court

Judge Foster stated that the Drug Court Planning Initiative Team just returned from Albuquerque, New Mexico where they participated in operational training. Shelly Cyrulik passed out a copy of the Drug Court Planning Process which Judge went over with the group. She went over the three stages of the process which include introductory training, skills-based training and operational training.

Collaboration with Mental Health Division of Milwaukee County on the State Crisis Expansion and Improvement Initiative and State 5-year Grant

This item had been placed on the agenda because at this time Mike DeMares was going to present an update on the status of the grant. This was a collaboration between Waukesha County and Milwaukee County. However, the grant was awarded to Washington/Ozaukee County. The purpose of this grant was to offer dollars to those counties who do not have level 3 crisis services. Mike DeMares intends to pursue further discussion to determine the basis for the decision.

Update Regarding Wisconsin Act 318 – A Cost Based Payment System for Counties Certified as a Medicaid Provider of Community Services “State Memo 2004-09”

A copy of the State Memo was provided to all members. DHFS will make Medicaid payment adjustments to counties based on actual costs incurred, as reported by the counties, for services provided in calendar years 2003 through 2005. DHFS will also temporarily reduce each county's Community Aids Basic County Allocation (BCA) to offset the Medicaid payment increases the county will receive. For each county, the BCA reduction will equal the amount of the Medicaid payment increases, offset by the amount of payments the county received through the Community Services Deficit Reduction Benefit (CSDRB) and the Community Based Medicaid Administrative Claiming (CBMAC) initiative. The Medicaid cost-based payment adjustments under Act 318 sunset at the close of calendar year 2005, thereby restoring

Community Aids funding to current levels and reinstating CSDRB. This initiative is expected to result in an additional \$53.2 million in funding for base Medicaid benefit costs in FY 2005. At the same time, the initiative will be cost neutral for counties. It is important for us to stay on top of this issue.

Future Agenda Items

Joe Griffin requested that the WCHSA Vision Statement be discussed at a future meeting as well as the ARCh issue.

Adjournment

MOTION: Jeskewitz made a motion, seconded by Kallin to adjourn the meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee. Motion carried.

MOTION: Weidmann made a motion, seconded by Wutt to adjourn the meeting of the Health & Human Services Board. Motion carried.

Recorded by Kathy Leach, Health & Human Services Dept.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Kallin
Secretary for the Committee